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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3333

AMCONSUL DOUALA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EGEN, CM

SUBJECT: IMPORTING DUTY-FREE POV'S INTO CAMEROON

REF: (A) YAOUNDE 3523, (B) STATE 225067

1. PROBLEM PRESENTED SINCE SEPTEMBER 1973 BY GURC INFRINGE-  
MENT ON RIGHTS DIPLOMATIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL  
TO IMPORT DUTY-FREE POV'S (REF A) HAS ENDED. CUSTOMS  
DIRECTOR ISSUED ORDERS ON FEBRUARY 28 RESCINDING REQUIREMENT  
FOR BANK GUARANTEE AND THUS RESTORING UNHINDERED DUTY-FREE  
PRIVILEGES FOR "CAREER DIPLOMATS", BUT NOT RPT NOT FOR  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL. IN PRACTICE THIS WAS  
IMMEDIATELY APPLIED TO ALL RPT ALL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED  
WITH DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS (INCLUDING AID STAFF). WE HAVE  
NOW LEARNED THAT CUSTOMS DIRECTOR ON APRIL 9 ISSUED  
SIMILAR RESCISSION RESTORING PRIVILEGES TO TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL (ALTHOUGH DUE USUAL BUREAUCRATIC  
LAG FONMIN HAS NOT YET OFFICIALLY INFORMED MISSIONS OF THIS  
LAST ACT). IN ANY CASE, NEW ORDER IS NOW IN EFFECT.

2. FOR THE RECORD, EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 381 OF NOVEMBER  
28 TO FONMIN (PREVIOUSLY POUCHED TO AF/C), WHICH WAS  
BASED ON REF B, PLAYED CRUCIAL ROLE IN RALLYING OTHER  
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PREVIOUSLY DOCILE EMBASSIES TO TAKE SIMILAR STRONG STAND.

THIS BROKE UP PATTERN OF ACCEPTANCE OF GURC ACT AS FAIT  
ACCOMPLI AND FORCED GURC FACE UP TO PROBLEM IT HAD CREATED.  
ALSO, OUR ACTION IN LEAVING CARS INDEFINITELY IN DOUALA  
PORT RATHER THAN OBTAINING THEIR RELEASE BY PAYING BANK  
GUARANTEE UNDER PROTEST (AS ALL OTHERS DID) KEPT PROBLEM  
RE DIPLOMATS ON FACTUAL RATHER THAN THEORETICAL LEVEL.  
FINAL WINNING POINT RE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL WAS  
PERSISTENT AND CONVINCING ARGUMENT BY CANADIANS THAT RESTRIC-  
TION ON POV IMPORT PRIVILEGES, IF MAINTAINED, WOULD VIRTUALLY  
ELIMINATE POSSIBILITY RECRUIT CANADIAN AID PERSONNEL.  
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